

Management of COVID-19 Cases in Region 10

This is a Special Advisory to inform the people of Eeyou Istchee on the management of recent cases in Region 10, more specifically in Chapais and Chibougamau.

The announcement was made yesterday that the Region 10 Public Health Department was managing 3 clusters of COVID-19 in the Chibougamau/Chapais area.

One in relation to a worksite has been brought under control through isolation and contact tracing.

There are two more challenging clusters related to families that had family members travel to Region 2- Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean. These cases are a little more challenging due to the variety of social interactions that are involved. There is an aggressive campaign to identify, isolate and then test individuals who could have come into contact with members of these two families.

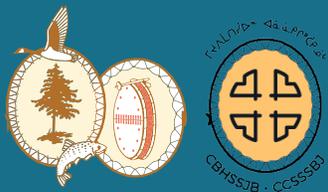
This is obviously a very stressful time for community members and anyone who frequents the Chibougamau area. Because people are isolated first and then tested, the population is asked to remain calm as in all likelihood there will be more positive tests associated with these clusters but due to proactive isolation, they should not pose an additional threat to the community.

The greatest contribution that the people of Chibougamau, visitors to Chibougamau, and neighbours can make is to limit social interaction to limit potential sources of transmission to make work easier for the contact tracing teams.

The Public Health Department of Eeyou Istchee continues to work closely with the Public Health Department of Region 10 to bring the concerned clusters under control as quickly as possible. The support and collaboration of community members in respecting physical distancing, precautionary measures and proactively limiting social contacts is critical in achieving this.

Although there may be announcements of new cases, interventions or announcements by the Government of Quebec, announcements or restrictions being introduced by local Municipal Governments such as Chibougamau or Chapais, it is important to remember that Cree leadership, Jamesian leadership and Quebec Government representatives are working closely together.

The Cree Nation leadership is committed to assisting Region 10 and there are no plans to restrict travel at this time. Our Regions are closely tied together with many social, commercial and political connections. Every effort will be made to work together to keep COVID-19 out of our respective regions before consideration is given to closing our borders to one another.



Travelling Continued

As a reminder, after evaluation of the **Areas Representing a Risk**, those individuals who have in the last 14 days travelled:

- anywhere outside Quebec, except for the Ontario regions of Sudbury, Porcupine and Timiskaming, which includes the municipalities of Sudbury, Timmins, Moosonee and North Bay;
- within Quebec to:
 - Region 1 – Lower-St-Lawrence
 - Region 2 – Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean
 - Region 3 – Quebec Capital
 - Region 4 – Mauricie and Centre-du-Québec
 - Region 5- Estrie
 - Region 6 – Montreal
 - Region 7 – Outaouais (Gatineau)
 - Region 9 – North Shore
 - Region 11 – Gaspé and Magdalen Islands
 - Region 12 – Chaudière-Appalaches
 - Region 13 – Laval
 - Region 14 – Lanaudière
 - Region 15 – Laurentians
 - Region 16 – Montérégie
- any Hydro-Quebec site;
- to any mine site, please note:
 - Workers coming from the Windfall Mining Exploration Site by Osisko Mining Inc with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate;
 - Workers coming from the Renard Mine Site by Stornoway with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate;
 - Workers coming from the Éléonore Mine Site of Newmont with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate;
- any forestry camp, please note:
 - Workers coming from the Forestry Camp at km 105 on the James Bay Highway with the appropriate documentation will NOT be required to self-isolate effective immediately;

will be **required to self-isolate for 14 days** under the Local Mandatory Self-Isolation Laws.

Therefore, people coming from Regions 8, 10, 17 and 18 in Quebec and the regions Sudbury, Porcupine, Timiskaming and North Bay in Ontario **DO NOT** need to self-isolate under the local Mandatory Self-Isolation Laws.